

Summary

NPS Winter Use Roving Team Meeting with Snowmobile Groups in Jackson

Date: January 27, 2006

Location: Wyoming Fish and Game Building, Jackson, WY

Present: Jack Welch, Jeff Golightly, Harry Washut, Philip Frankovic, Tere Manning, Christine Jourdain, Tim Puskarich, Kim Raap, Greg Hill, John Sacklin, Gary Pollock, Mike Yochim

1) Purpose agency/group or NPS gave for wanting a visit at this time:

Update snowmobile stakeholders on modeling scenarios.

2) Points raised:

- * Group would like the list of stakeholders to be made public.
- * Extensive discussion on Cormack Gates report, bison use of groomed roadways, etc.
- * NPS should allow 2-stroke snowmobiles on CDST.
- * NPS should open side roads to snowmobiles.
- * One of the modeling runs on Scenario J should assume EPA's snowmobile regulations are fully implemented.
- * NPS should consider allowing non-commercial and/or unguided access to Yellowstone.
- * NPS should separate planning for Grand Teton from that for Yellowstone.
- * NPS should allow 2-stroke snowmobiles on Jackson Lake because 4-strokes are heavy and can get stuck.

3) Questions asked:

- * Why is the approach toward BAT for snowmobiles and snowcoaches different?
- * Why not focus on summer visitation?
- * Why focus so much on snowmobiles when snowcoaches are dirtier?
- * Will NPS be considering the cessation of plowing from Moran to Flagg Ranch?
- * Why is March 14 meeting being held in Bozeman, and why only one such meeting?
- * Why doesn't NPS promote snowmobiling in its press releases?

4) Parting comments/reflections:

Participants expressed support for alternatives that allow more people to visit Yellowstone, and thanked NPS for the opportunity to meet.